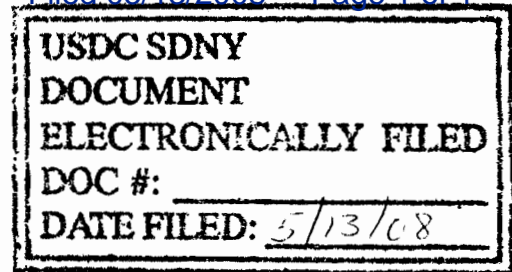


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-against- :

DR. REDDY'S LABORATORIES, LTD., et al., :

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**FRANK MAAS**, United States Magistrate Judge.

Regrettably, the Court's automated conflict-checking software did not notify me until this morning that the plaintiff in this action is a subsidiary of Merck & Company, of which I am a stockholder. I therefore will ask that this case be reassigned promptly to another magistrate judge to resolve discovery disputes. Additionally, in light of the conflict, my memorandum endorsement of May 12, 2008, is withdrawn.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York  
May 13, 2008

  
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FRANK MAAS  
United States Magistrate Judge

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